

Globalization and National Security: New Directions for U.S. Defense Strategy

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INSS Study on Globalization and National Security

- Published two big volumes and summary report
- Sounded warning of global dangers ahead
- Influenced Quadrennial Defense Review 2001
- Shows how INSS/NDU can produce scholarly studies that help shape policy and strategy



Globalization's Dynamics and Consequences

- Growing cross-border flows in economics, information, and other areas
 - > Draws countries and regions closer together
 - Makes world a single stage of many actors
- Has good and bad effects
 - Promotes economic progress and democracy in many places
 - Causes dislocations and strains in regions that cannot compete effectively
- Doesn't solve new-era security problems
 - Security and stability often a precondition for economic and political progress, not a product of them

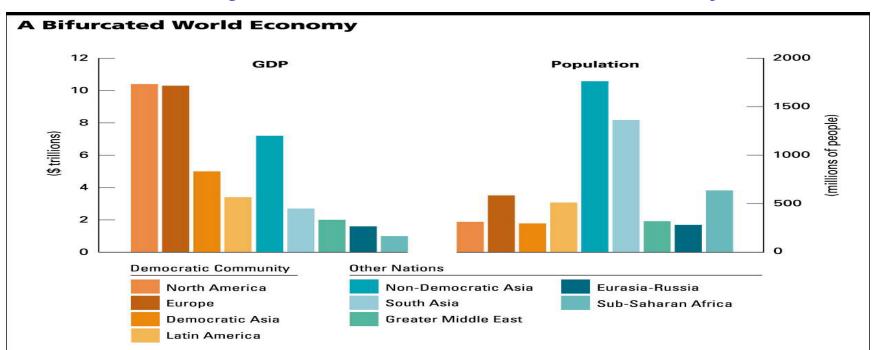


Globalization Producing a Bifurcated World

- Wealthy democracies becoming more prosperous and stable
 - But vulnerable to terrorism at home and attacks on interests abroad
- Outlying regions face deep-seated problems
 - Weak governments, societies, economies
 - Poverty and unstable security conditions set stage for chaos
- Southern belt is zone of red-hot security tensions
 - Nest-bed of terrorism and other dangers



Bifurcated World Economy

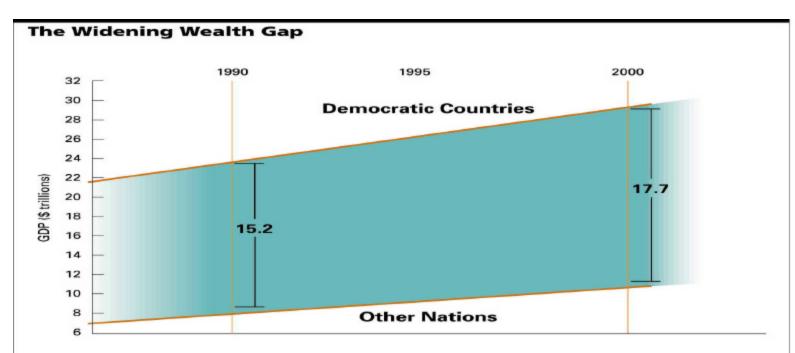


Today's world economy shows a sharp difference in wealth. While the democratic community has a gross domestic product of \$29 trillion, other regions have only \$14.5 trillion. Moreover, democratic countries have smaller populations: only 1.7 billion people versus 4.3 billion. The result is a major difference in the average GDP per capita: \$17,100 in the democratic community and \$3,400 in other regions. Economic data for this chart reflect purchasing power parity estimates.

Sources: International Institute for Strategic Studies, *The Military Balance, 2000–2001* (Oxford: Oxford University Press for the International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2000), and publications issued by the United Nations and the U.S. Government.



The Widening Wealth Gap



Over the past decade, democratic countries as well as other nations have experienced economic growth rates averaging 2.5 to 3.5 percent annually. Although the world has become a wealthier place, the gap between the democratic community and other regions has widened by about \$2.7 trillion. Overall, major economic gains are manifested in the long term, not the short term. By 2020, while most nations of the world are likely to be substantially wealthier, the democratic countries will far surpass other nations.



Key Regional Trends

- Europe--Unifying
- Latin America--Democratizing Unevenly
- Russia and Eurasia--Struggling
- Middle East and Persian Gulf--Strategic Chaos
- Sub-Saharan Africa--Poverty
- Asia--Murky Geopolitics and Economic Progress
- South Asia--India vs. Pakistan, now Afghanistan

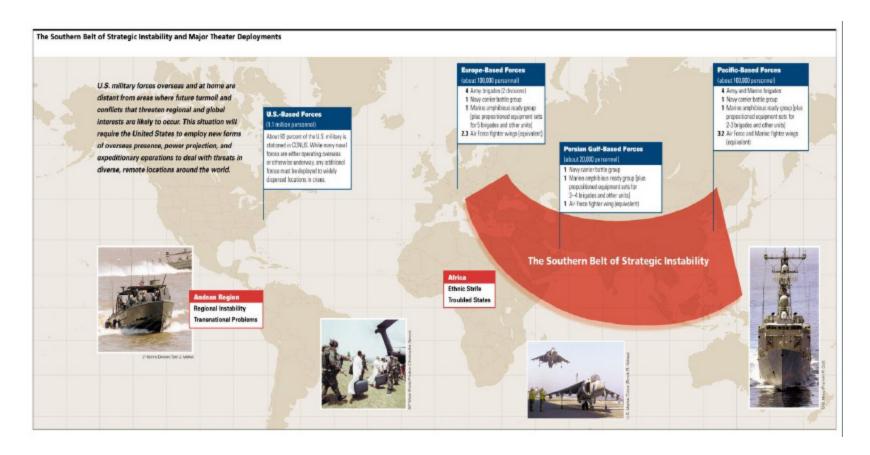


Key Functional Trends

- Information Networks--Multiplying
- WMD and Military Technology--Proliferating
- Transnational Actors--Growing
- Oil and Energy--Mounting Demand
- Cultural Antagonisms--Increasing
- Multilateral Institutions--Slowly Growing



Arc of Strategic Instability





Security Threats of Early 21st Century

- Global terrorism, plus other transnational threats: drug trafficking and organized crime
- * Failing states, ethnic warfare, and violent separatism
- Anti-western ideologies and cultures
- Medium-sized rogues in pursuit of WMD proliferation
- New big-power geopolitics: e.g. China on world stage

Together: Spell trouble ahead



The New U.S. Strategic Agenda

- Win counter-terrorist war, while preparing U.S. forces for other new-era missions
- ❖ Integrate use of military forces with diplomacy, economics, and other policy instruments to defeat threats and dampen chaos of outlying regions
- Mobilize help from democratic allies and partners to create new, effective coalitions



The New U.S. Defense Strategy

- QDR Report 2001 creates new strategic vision, but without program details
 - Enhanced homeland defense and better power projection
- * Focuses on capabilities for new missions, especially southern arc
 - Moves away from 2-MTW formula toward new asymmetric threats and smaller-scale contingencies: endorses CINC joint task forces



The New U.S. Defense Strategy (continued)

- Embraces new operational concepts for employing forces, e.g. early and forcible entry, standoff targeting, new overseas presence
- Calls for flexible, adaptable, modular forces for surprises
- Pursues transformation responsibly
 - Calls for high-tech spearhead forces backed by modernized legacy forces
 - Program priorities will depend upon future defense budgets



Conclusion

- National Security can no longer be taken for granted
 - It has a new face
- Core problem is multiple new threats and underlying chaos of unstable regions
- DoD is on right track, but a broad strategic response is needed
 - Enhanced interagency process